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	Examiner		Art Unit	
	Christopher C Pratt		1771	

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(3) James Tanner.

(2) Tom Connelly.

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Applicant argued that the instant invention could be distinguished from Hensen in 3 ways. ① Hensen fails to teach fiber to fiber hydrogen bonds. ② Hensen compresses below 5 and the skilled artisan would not be motivated to further compact. ③ The instant invention has a diff. functionality b/c it absorbs water not blood. There is a diff. b/c water allows for breakage of hydrogen bonds and expansion. The examiner indicated that increasing the compression factor to 20 would provide the best chance of overcoming Hensen.

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